

Patriot Path - IL Route 137 Bike Path Project

Purpose and Need Statement

The intent of this project is to expand non-motorized travel options in Lake County by developing an east/west facility connecting the Des Plaines River Trail at the Lake County Forest Preserve's Independence Grove on the west to the Robert McClory Bike Path on the east, which includes connections to more urban elements and the Great Lakes Union Pacific North Line Metra Station. The project's objective is to connect people to employment centers, shopping, mass transit and recreational areas, while promoting alternatives to driving. The five plus mile path, which is part of the Lake County 2040 Transportation Plan, will serve as a "trunk line multi-use path" catering to alternative commuting while allowing other jurisdictions (Forest Preserve, municipalities, townships and other agencies) to connect their local and recreational paths to this facility.